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Request		Application Number	09/870,809-Conf. #1249
for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal		Filing Date	May 3, 2001
		First Named Inventor	Kazuaki Nakajima
Address for Mail Stop RCE		Art Unit	2141
Commissioner for Patents		Examiner Name	D. M. Bayard
P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450		Attorney Docket Number	M0289.0165
This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1985, or to any design application.			
 Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114 Note: if the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s). 			
a. X Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.			
i. X En	ter Amendment filed on		December 10, 2007
iiOther			
b. Enclosed			
iAmendment/Reply iiiInformation Disclosure Statement (IDS)			
ii. Affidavlt(s)/Declaration(s) iv. Other			
2. Miscellaneous			
a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a			
period ofmonths. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)			
b. Other			
3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.			
a. X The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any underpayment of fees, or credit any			
overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2215 . i. X RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)			
ii. Other			
b check in the amount of \$ enclosed			
c. [X] Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.			
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED			
Signature		Date	February 11, 2008
Name (Print/Type)	Joseph W. Ragus		
Name (Print/Type) Joseph W. Ragusa/ Registration No. 38,586			
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